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The Report of the African Exploration Committee to the Council of the Royal Geographical Society having been adopted by the Council and approved by the subscribers at a Meeting on the 14th of June, it has been determined, in accordance with the Report, to despatch without delay a small expedition to explore the country between the East Coast and the Northern end of Lake Nyassa. The expeditionary party will be commanded by Mr. Keith Johnston, the well-known Geographer, who has had two years' experience as a scientific explorer in Paraguay, and will leave England on the 15th inst. Starting from the end of the caravan road, now being constructed by a party of English engineers, from Dar-es-Salaam (35 miles south of Zanzibar), the expedition will direct its course to the northern end of Lake Nyassa, a distance of 350 miles, and examine the newly-discovered Livingstone or Kondi Mountain Range, reported to be 15,000 feet high, to the N.E. of the Lake. Should this part of the journey be successfully performed and the resources of the party not have been exhausted, a further exploration will be made of the country (150 miles in width) lying between Nyassa and the southern end of Tanganyika.

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